



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Whitman et al.

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FILL CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A  
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Examiner:

This Amendment follows the Decision on Appeal of August 30, 2006, and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

A listing of claims, in which amendments to the claims are set forth, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

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